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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Lamb, the motion is the adoption of the amendment. Any further discussion?

SENATOR LAMB: I would merely ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER LUEDKTE: Alright, no further discussion. Question is the adoption of the Lamb amendment to LB 430. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The amendment is adopted. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I move that LB 430, as amended, be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion to advance LB 430 to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor say aye, opposed nay. LB 430 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. We'll now revert back to LB 302, the first item on your agenda under Select File. There is a motion, I believe, on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 302 is a bill on Select File. There were no committee amendments. Senator Murphy moved to indefinitely postpone the bill on April 1, 1977. That motion was read into the record and laid over.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Before we do I'd like to introduce some guests under the South balcony. Guests of Senator Martin Kahle, of District 37, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Botch from Lee, Nebraska. Would those folks please stand up and be recognized. Thank you. Welcome to your Legislature. Now the Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: The motion before you is to indefinitely postpone this bill. However, I have been substantively terrorized by Senators Brennan and Newell. I do have on your desks, and I have placed it there in a matter of clarification. I have recited from the Statute the fact that this is an industrial commission. We perpetually refer to it as the Court of Industrial Relations because that is the name to be used in this regard, but it is no more, nor no less than another government commission. We make much to-do about the fact that we cannot get attorneys to accept these jobs. I would call your attention to the fact that this Commission need not be staffed by attorneys. There is no requirement in the statute that this be other than a citizen. These citizens are to be appointed to this Commission by the Governor. I have also placed before you, as a matter of information, the expense involved in conducting this Commission. For the past two years they have heard 34 cases each year. On one occasion a case was heard without the judge even being present. I would point out to you that we are paying \$3,000 per issue to come before this Commission, which is substantively more than you will find the average cost in district court. As I say, I would accede to Senator Brennans' wishes. I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw this bill. I ask that in your future considerations of this particular issue that you keep in mind that it is a Commission appointed by the Governor from citizens of the state, nothing more and nothing less. Let's not make it tantamount to the Supreme Court.